

CLAIMS:

1. A check valve for a fuel pump of a vehicle comprising:

5 a valve housing adapted to be disposed in an outlet member of the fuel pump;

a valve seat formed on said valve housing;

10 a valve member disposed in said valve housing and having a closed position to engage said valve seat to prevent fuel from flowing through the outlet member and an open position to allow fuel to flow through the outlet member; and

15 said valve member having at least one outlet port a predetermined dwell distance from said valve seat when said valve member is in said closed position and allowing fluid flow past said valve seat when said valve member is in said open position.

2. A check valve as set forth in claim 1
20 wherein said valve member has a hub and a stem extending axially from said hub.

3. A check valve as set forth in claim 2
wherein said valve housing has a passageway extending
25 axially therethrough to receive said stem.

4. A check valve as set forth in claim 2
including a flow tube at one end of said valve housing
adjacent said valve seat.

5 5. A check valve as set forth in claim 2
wherein said valve housing has an enlarged opening at one
end of said passageway.

6. A check valve as set forth in claim 5
10 wherein said valve member has a flange at one end of said
stem opposite said hub and disposed in said enlarged
diameter portion.

7. A check valve as set forth in claim 2
15 wherein said valve member has a flow port extending axially
therein.

8. A check valve as set forth in claim 6
wherein said at least one outlet port extends radially in
20 said valve member and communicates with said flow port.

9. A check valve as set forth in claim 1
wherein said at least one outlet port has a metered shape.

10. A check valve as set forth in claim 1
wherein said valve member has an annular groove extending
radially therein.

5 11. A check valve as set forth in claim 10
including a seal disposed in said groove for contacting
said valve seat when said valve member is in said closed
position.

10 12. A check valve as set forth in claim 11
including a spring disposed about said valve member to urge
said seal and said valve member toward said valve seat.

13. A check valve for a fuel pump of a vehicle
15 comprising:

a valve housing adapted to be disposed in an
outlet member of the fuel pump, said valve housing having a
passageway extending axially therethrough;

20 a valve seat formed on said valve housing to one
end of said passageway;

25 a valve member disposed in said passageway of
said valve housing and having a closed position to engage
said valve seat to prevent fuel from flowing through the
outlet member and an open position to allow fuel to flow
through the outlet member; and

said valve member having a flow port extending therein with at least one outlet port a predetermined dwell distance from said valve seat when said valve member is in said closed position and allowing fluid flow past said 5 valve seat when said valve member is in said open position.

14. A check valve as set forth in claim 13 including a flow tube at one end of said valve housing adjacent said valve seat.

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15. A check valve as set forth in claim 13 wherein said at least one outlet port has a metered shape.

16. A check valve as set forth in claim 13 15 wherein said valve member has an annular groove extending radially therein.

17. A check valve as set forth in claim 16 including a seal disposed in said groove for contacting 20 said valve seat when said valve member is in said closed position.

18. A check valve as set forth in claim 13 25 wherein said valve housing has an enlarged opening at one end of said passageway and said valve member has a flange at one end and disposed in said enlarged diameter portion.

19. A check valve as set forth in claim 18
including a spring disposed about said valve member between
said flange and surface of the enlarged diameter portion to
5 urge said valve member toward said valve seat.

20. A check valve for a fuel pump of a vehicle
comprising:

a valve housing adapted to be disposed in an
10 outlet member of the fuel pump, said valve housing having a
body portion with a passageway extending axially
therethrough;

a valve seat formed on said valve housing to one
end of said passageway;

15 a valve member disposed in said passageway of
said valve housing and having a closed position to engage
said valve seat to prevent fuel from flowing through the
outlet member and an open position to allow fuel to flow
through the outlet member;

20 said valve member having an annular groove
extending radially therein;

a seal disposed in said groove for contacting
said valve seat when said valve member is in said closed
position;

25 said valve housing having an enlarged opening at
one end of said passageway and said valve member has a

flange at one end and disposed in said enlarged diameter portion;

a spring disposed about said valve member between said flange and surface of the enlarged diameter portion to 5 urge said seal and valve member toward said valve seat; and

said valve member having a flow port extending therein with at least one outlet port a predetermined dwell distance from said valve seat when said valve member is in said closed position and allowing fluid flow past said 10 valve seat when said valve member is in said open position.